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SUMMARY OF CASES ACCEPTED DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 15, 2000

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The description or descriptions set out below do not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#00-58 Aguilar v. Atlantic Richfield Co., S086738. (D030628; 78 Cal.App.4th 79.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed an order granting a new trial. This case includes the issue whether the defendants in an antitrust action under the Cartwright Act are entitled to summary judgment when the evidence produced by the plaintiffs will support an inference of an agreement to fix prices but the evidence also supports an equally strong or stronger inference that the defendants were simply engaged in legitimate business conduct.

#00-59 Foxgate Homeowners' Assn., Inc. v. Bramalea California, Inc., S087319. (B124482; 78 Cal.App.4th 653.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed an order imposing sanctions in a civil action and remanded. This case concerns whether a mediator may file with a trial court a report of a party's disobedience of the mediator's directions to bring expert witnesses to a mediation session, including revelations of the party's statements and conduct and whether the adverse party may make similar disclosures in a motion for sanctions in light of Evidence Code section 1119 and 1121.

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